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Gay/Lesbian Community Network Newsletter

Welcome! As you may or may not know, Rob Goralline has left the Peace and Justice Center and this summer the Newsletter went on hiatus. Well we're back and ready for anything. The Bangor area seems to be brimming with a newfound vitality. Events are occurring all over the place and we need to know about them. This Newsletter fills the vital need that we have for information.

The basis for this Newsletter will be the following: Arts & Entertainment; Classifieds; Community News; Personals; and other submissions from our readers.

We will endeavor to keep you in touch with information from Our Paper, MLGPA, Wilde-Stein, Northern Lambda Nord, Deglo, Symposium and other organizations which submit information to the Newsletter.

Currently our mailing list numbers 200 people. It is completely confidential and is not loaned or sold, but used only for the Newsletter. If you know someone who should be added to the mailing list, please write: The Networker, P.O. Box 212, Bangor, ME 04402-0212 or call 941-8454. Future mailings will be printed on opaque paper, folded and stapled. Special requests for envelopes can be accommodated. The return address is to be used for all correspondence. Bulk mailing will be from Bangor on the thirtieth of the month, therefore the deadline for submissions is the twenty-fifth.

Possible ideas for columns are:

Thumbs up/Thumbs down section for local businesses, books, film, video, and local politicians;

A feature section which could contain profiles on people who are out and about, people with coming out stories, gay parents reports and resources for gay parents, congratulations on anniversaries, births, and birthdays;

News about local politics which could inform people in our area about who is on our side and who is not.

Additional ideas are encouraged. Please forward your thoughts to the Networker.

Act Up

"Act Up is a diverse, non-partisan group united in anger and committed to direct action to end the AIDS crisis. We meet with government and public health officials; we research and distribute the latest medical information."

Act Up Bangor had its first meeting on Tuesday, September 25th. Call Natasha Woodland (947-3947) for details about future meetings of Act Up Bangor. Act Up Bangor will be showing the films "Stop the Church" and "Tongues Untied," both of which MPBN censored off their schedule, at (tentatively) the Unitarian Church (corner of Union and Main) on Wednesday, October 30 at 7:00pm. The evening will consist of these films, a seasoned speaker from Act Up Maine and an informational meeting for people interested in Act Up. Buttons, stickers, t-shirts, and posters will be available for purchase.

The tentative agenda for Act Up Bangor is:

1. Promoting AIDS education. There are still people out there who don't know how to use a condom. Did you know that Saran Wrap, especially the microwaveable kind, is a cheap and effective substitute for a dental dam?
2. Getting information in the Bangor Daily News. They won't print any announcements with the "g" word or the "l" word. Watch out Bangor Daily - you might get zapped.
3. Distributing free condoms.

Wilde-Stein

At the University of Maine, "Wilde-Stein is a group of students who have at least two things in common. We are all interested in discussing gay, lesbian, and bisexual issues and concerns and planning gay, lesbian and bisexual events and activities." Contact persons are Joe Nadeau (942-9259) and Natasha Woodland (947-3947). WS has organized homecoming activities for October fifth. During National Coming Out Week, WS has organized a panel discussion at 12N in the FFA Room in the Memorial Union October 7th. On October 8th WS will be hosting a

National Coming Out Week Reception from 4pm to 6pm in the Bangor Lounge in the Memorial Union.

Humor Alert

Kate Clinton will be appearing at Hauck Auditorium on October 10 at 8pm. This cutting lesbian political satirist will give new meaning to the way it is possible to poke fun. Cost - FREE! Provided in part by WS. After Kate's performance, WS will be giving a dance at 9:30pm.

Sorry folks - by the time you receive this letter Homecoming is history.

GALA-UMaine was formed in 1989 to provide a social and educational network among gay, lesbian, and bisexual alums of UMaine.

Schedule of Events

All events take place in the FFA Room at the Memorial Union, UM Campus, October 5th.

10am-12N Meeting/Elections

12N-5pm Visit time/Films: "Tongues Untied," "I Heard the Mermaid Sing," and "Desert Hearts."

5pm-7pm Pre-dinner reception

7pm-8pm Going out to dinner

8pm-9pm Evening program

For more information contact: Michael Sickney (774-0712) or Doug Dunton (775-7948).

Outright Too

Outright Too is g/l/b youth group in Bangor which functions as a support group, hears from local speakers, sees g/l films, and does local outreach. They just received a \$1400.00 grant from the Boston based Haymarket Fund. Congratulations! This money will be used for books, films, and outreach. OToo meets on a regular schedule. If you know any young person who could benefit from OToo, let them know about this organization - it can make growing up a little easier. Jane (989-1773), Jim (990-3420) and Jeane are the contact people for OToo. Their address is P.O. Box 2264, Bangor, ME 04402-2264. OToo will be writing for GLCN in the next issue.

AIDS News

According to Dr. Harold Jaffe of the Federal Centers for Disease Control, there are only five known cases of HIV transmission by a dentist or surgeon. These five cases all

occurred through the same dentist who himself was HIV positive, but the most likely cause of transmission was from patient to patient via contaminated and improperly cleaned equipment.

Maine Walk '91, the second annual ten kilometer walk, produced by the Maine AIDS Alliance in conjunction with local AIDS organizations throughout Maine, will take place on Sunday, October 13, 1991. The Bangor Walk begins and ends at Cascade Park.

Registration for the 10K (6.2 mi.) walk begins at 11am and the walk begins at 1pm. Pledge sheets are available at all Penobscot County Shop & Save Stores including Bangor, Brewer, and Old Town, as well as at EMAN at 263 State St. Hometown Express will provide entertainment starting at 4:30pm at Cascade Park and a free picnic supper will be provided for all walkers and volunteers. The picnic supper is also available to the public for the modest fee of \$2.00 - you can't beat that. For more information on the Bangor walk call EMAN at 990-3626.

The Riverfront

Sunday, October 13th is Women's Night.

Entertainment will be, they promise, two HOT ladies.

What's good for the goose is good for the gander, so... On Sunday October 20th, Mr. Hardbody of Boston and Mr. Montreal will be strutting their stuff.

The cover for each of these events is \$5.00 at the door.

For Halloween activities, there will be costume parties on both Saturday the 27th and Thursday Halloween night. Cover for Saturday is \$2.00 and for Thursday \$1.00.

Great Music

At the Maine Center for the Arts the fabulous Holly Near will be appearing on the 12th. Poignant, touching and honest Holly is a must see. For more information, call MCA at 581-1755. Maybe we can persuade her pianist, John Buccino to come out with us this time around.